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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC
FISHERIES (ICNAF)

1. ICNAF SPECIAL MEETING CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY MONDAY
EVENING AFTER VALIANT ATTEMPTS FAILED BY CHAIRMAN GILLETTE
(SCOTLAND) TO CONCLUDE MEETING SATURDAY AND ACTING CHAIRMAN
WALLACE (USA) TO CONCLUDE MEETING BY MID-DAY MONDAY.
PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR DELAY WAS OBDURATE STANCE OF PORTUGAL
ON REVISIONS CANADIAN FISHING EFFORT LIMITATION REGULATION
ADOPTED AT MONTREAL SPECIAL MEETING AND DIFFICULT TIME WITH
PORTUGAL, UK, AND OTHERS ON ENFORCEMENT PACKAGE.

2. ITEMS ADOPTED WERE FOLLOWING:

(A) ADDITION TO SCHEME OF JOINT INTERNATIONAL ENFORCE-
MENT TO REQUIRE ANY MEMBER AT ANY TIME 15 OF MORE FISHING
VESSELS IN ICNAF AREA TO HAVE INSPECTOR IN AREA OR DESIG-
NATED AUTHORITY IN MEMBER COUNTRY ADJOINING AREA TO RECEIVE
AND RESPOND TO NOTICES OF INFRINGEMENTS.

(B) REVISION TO SCHEME LOOKING TO IMMEDIATE ACTION IN
CASE OF INFRINGEMENTS, INCLUDING CESSATION ILLEGAL FISHING,
AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN INSPECTOR TO REMAIN ABOARD TO SAFE-
GUARD EVIDENCE BY AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL INSPECTOR OR
DESIGNATED AUTHORITY (BY RADIO), AND CONDITIONS ON RE-
SUMING FISHING.

(C) RESOLUTION REQUESTING FULLER REPORTING ON INFRINGE-
MENTS AND DETAILED ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY STANDING
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COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONTROL (STACTIC) AT ANNUAL
MEETINGS.

(D) RESOLUTION REQUESTING REVIEW OF NATIONAL
LEGISLATION WITH VIEW TO ACTION AT 1976 ANNUAL MEETING
(HAVANA, JUNE) ON WITHDRAWAL OF ICNAF REGISTRATION FOR
VESSELS INFRINGING REGULATIONS.

(E) REVISION OF MANAGEMENT REGULATION LOOKING TO ADJUSTMENTS (READ BUT DO NOT SAY PENALTY) IN NATIONAL QUOTA ALLOCATIONS IN CASES OF OVER-FISHING QUOTAS.

(F) MODIFICATION OF TABLE ALLOCATING FISHING EFFORT OFF CANADIAN COAST ADOPTED AT MONTREAL AND REVISION OF GOVERNING REGULATION TO MAKE IT CLEARER, DEAL WITH THREE COUNTRIES NOT GIVEN SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS (BULGARIA, ICELAND, ITALY), AND DEAL WITH PORTUGUESE MISUNDERSTANDING (READ BLACKMAIL QFOR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION) OF APPLICABILITY OF "OTHERS" ALLOCATION.

(G) REGULATION SETTING SEAL QUOTAS AND REVISING PREVIOUS REGULATION. HARP SEALS 127,100 QUOTA ALLOCATED CANADA 52,333, NORWAY 44,667, UNALLOCATED 100 (AND ESTIMATE 30,000 CAUGHT BY INDIGENOUS NON-MOBILE FISHERIES). HOOD SEALS 15,100 QUOTA ALLOCATED CANADA 6,000, NORWAY 9,000, UNALLOCATED 100.

(H) RESOLUTION LOOKING TO IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION SEAL QUOTAS.

(I) REGULATION SETTING HERRING TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC) OF 60,000 TONS FOR SA57-6 (GEORGES BANK-MID ATLANTIC).

COMPROMISE INVOLVED:

1.) SETTING CATCH AT 30,000 FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE

2.) ALLOCATING THIS: BULGARIA 500, CANADA 1,000, CUBA 500, FRANCE 500, FRG 4,000, GDR 4,000, JAPAN 500, POLAND 4,000, ROMANIA 500, USSR 5,000, USA 9,400, OTHERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3.) PROHIBITION ON DIRECTED FISHERY IN THIS PERIOD EXCEPT WITH PURSE SEINES OR VESSELS LESS THAN 110 FT (US AND CANADA).

4.) LIMITATION OF 7.5 PERCENT OF HERRING CAUGHT INCIDENTALLY TO OTHER FISHERIES (MACKEREL AND HAKE PRIMARILY).

5.) SETTING ALLOCATION FOR FINAL SIX MONTHS AT HAVANA MEETING.

6.) CONSTRAINTS ON FUTURE TACS TO PREVENT FURTHER DECLINES AND REBUILD STOCK.

TAC AND ALLOCATIONS TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT UNDER
EDINBURGH DECISION AS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE ALL MEMBERS
PRESENT AND VOTING (FRG ABSTAIN, PORTUGAL ABSENT ON PHONE
TO LISBON RE F ABOVE). FYI US TABLE OF ALLOCATIONS AS
ADOPTED ABOVE GIVES SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO FRG RESTRAINTS
AND FISHERY WITHOUT BYCATCH (SEE SEPTTEL TO CERTAIN POSTS).

(J) REGULATION SETTING HERRING TAC OF 7,000 TONS FOR
5Y (GULF OF MAINE) ALLOCATED CANADA 950, USA 6,000,
OTHERS 50. AMOUNTS MAY BE ADJUSTED AT HAVANA MEETING.
TAC AND ALLOCATIONS TAKE EFFECT AS I. ABOVE (SAME VOTE).

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(K) REGULATION TO ALLOW REVISION OF HERRING TAC AND
ALLOCATIONS AT HAVANA MEETING FOR 4VWX (NOVA SCOTIA,
NEW BRUNSWICK). MEETING FAILED REACH AGREEMENT ON AD-
JUSTMENTS TO TAC AND ALLOCATIONS SET AT EDINBURGH AS
PROVIDED FOR BY E
LDECISION.

(L) REVISION TO HERRING SIZE LIMITED REGULATION EXEMPTION
CLAUSE AS PROPOSED BY USA TO MAKE IT MORE ENFORCEABLE.

(M) REVISION TO MACKEREL SIZE LIMIT REGULATION
EXEMPTION CLAUSE AS PROPOSED BY USA TO MAKE IT MORE ENFORCE-
ABLE.

(N) RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NEW MEMBER CUBA'S INABILITY
TO COMPLY WITH MESH SIZE REGULATIONS IN SA 2 AND 3 (LABRADOR,
NEWFOUNDLAND) BEFORE 1 JULY 1976.

3. MEETING CHARACTERIZED BY ACCEPTANCE FACT OF SPECIAL
STATUS (SOMETIMES GRUDGINGLY) OF US AND CANADA AND OF EX-
TENDED JURISDICTION IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT BITTER BATTLES OVER
DETAILS ESP BY BULGARIA, CUBA, FRG, GDR, ITALY, POLAND,
PORTUGAL, USSR, AND UK. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SENSE OF
FUTILITY ON TAKING ACTION ON ENFORCEMENT WITH REGIME EX-
PECTED BY MOST TO CHANGE TO COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION WITHIN
MONTHS AFTER NEW REGULATIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE SIX MONTHS
FROM NOW. USSR FLATLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT COASTAL STATE

EXCEPTION IN US PROPOSAL ON OVER-QUOTA ADJUSTMENTS (PARA 2 E ABOVE) UNTIL LOS TREATY CONCLUDED, AND STATE INSTRUCTIONS CAME FROM MUCH HIGHER SOURCE THAN MIN FISH. ICELAND MADE STATEMENT DURING FINAL PLENARY MONDAY ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHT OF COASTAL STATE TO MANAGE FISHERIES WITHIN 200 MILES AND ABSTAINED ON ITEM 2 F ON PRINCIPLE (OFTEN STATED BEFORE IN ICNAF) THAT ALLOCATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ONLY TO COASTAL STATE. CANADA POSTULATED, ON OTHER HAND, THAT COASTAL STATES SHOULD BE SUBJECT ONLY TO NON-BINDING ESTIMATES WHILE ALL OTHERS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO BINDING

ALLOCATIONS ON FISHING EFFORT AND ON QUOTAS, AND CANADIAN VIEW PREVAILED RE EFFORT. FURTHER REPORT WILL BE MADE FROM WASHINGTON AFTER USDEL HAS REVIEWED AND ANALYZED RESULTS OF MEETING. HOWEVER, US OBJECTIVES GENERALLY MET.

4. DURING MEETING THERE WERE FREQUENT FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO HAVANA MEETING, WITH MOST DELS EXPRESSING PLEASURE OF ANTICIPATING MEETING THERE. USDEL SPOKE PRIVATELY TO ICNAF CHAIRMAN ABOUT US CONCERNS, AND HE EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OF CERTAIN FAILURE OF MEETING IF US DOES NOT ATTEND AND VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF LOCATING ANOTHER SITE.

5. FOR OEX/OFA IMMEDIATE ACTION. DUE TO HECTIC PACE OF MEETING, SULLIVAN AND SCHOWENGERDT UNABLE MEET WITH ITALIANS AS PROMISED DURING MEETING AND HAD TO RESCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY. RETURN SAME FLIGHT WEDNESDAY. PLEASE INFORM FAMILIES AND AMEND ORDERS ACCORDINGLY. VOLPE

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